

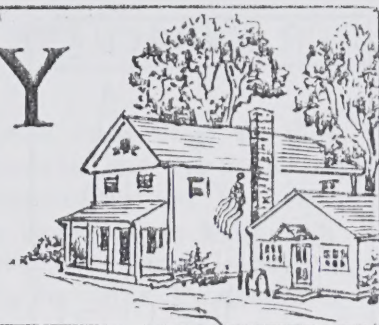
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MONTEREY NEWS



April, 1978

OUR TOWN

Republicans and Democrats Hold Caucuses

The Democrats nominated the following slate of candidates: Moderator for one year: Eugene O'Connell; Board of Selectmen for three years: Thomas Bradley; Board of Assessors for three years: Paul Thorn; Cemetery Committee for three years: Donald Amstead, Jr.; Finance Committee for three years: John Ryder; two Library Trustees for three years: Newman Abercrombie and Jill Ensign; Park Commission for three years: Marvellen Brown; Planning Board for five years: Paul Thorn; Town Auditor for one year: William Stevens; Town Clerk for three years: Suzanne MacIver.



The Republican nominees, each for the same number of years, were as follows: Moderator: Dean Amidon; Board of Selectmen: Thomas Bradley; Board of Assessors: Paul Thorn; Cemetery Committee: Peter Phillips; Finance Committee: John Ryder; Library Trustees: Newman Abercrombie and Elizabeth Wool; Park Commission: Marvellen Brown; Planning Board: Paul Thorn; Town Auditor: William Stevens; Town Clerk: Suzanne MacIver.

Come and vote at the Town Meeting on May 1st. There are 28 Articles on the Warrant. We are hoping for good weather and a good turnout of townspeople.

Town Report to Have Different Format

As directed by the Selectmen, the Town Report which will be available for the Town Meeting will be a reduced version of the final edition, to appear shortly after the end of the fiscal year, June 30. The present version is being photostated from the typed reports which have been received and the budget is incomplete.

Selectmen Appoint Dogcatcher

Thomas Thorn has been appointed by the Selectmen Dogcatcher for the Town of Monterey.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt this year will be held on Easter Day at two o'clock on the library lawn. This event is sponsored by the Park Commission, with assistance from the 4-H Community Club, the Junior Girl Scouts and the Brownies. Children through the third grade may compete. Refreshments will be served and prizes given out.

Roadside Clean-Up

The annual roadside clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 24. Everyone is to meet at Greene Park at 9 o'clock. Refreshments of hot dogs, hamburgers and soda will be provided at noon. Lois and Jack Ryder are in charge.

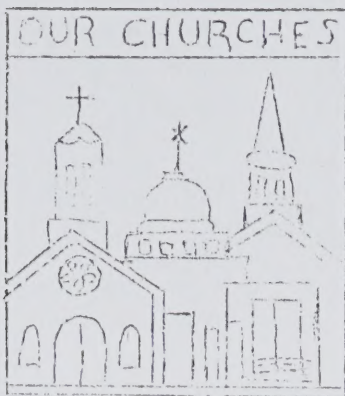
Monterey Community Store Committee Report

Work is continuing on the project to purchase the Monterey General Store as a community store. Those involved in the project report that the money which has come in so far is evidence of serious interest.

A brochure which details ideas and plans for the store will soon be distributed. This will be followed by visits by members of the fundraising committee to anyone in Monterey or surrounding areas who is interested in supporting the project.

A benefit tag sale is planned for Saturday, May 29. Anyone wishing to donate saleable items from attic, basement or barn is invited to call Barbara Gauthier (528-1624) or David Raney (528-1988). More details on this and other fund-raising events through the spring and summer in the next MONTEREY NEWS.

In the meantime, those people who wish to give impetus to the project may do so at any time by mailing a check (made out to Monterey Community Store) to Marion Schneider, Box 263, Monterey, or by volunteering time and talent to Barbara Gauthier, Chairman of the Store Committee.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River.

Father Dion is recuperating in the hospital from a recent illness and will be on a short leave of absence.

The Catholic Charity Drive will be in May.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week Climax

Maundy Thursday Communion is celebrated at 7:30 p.m., using the Office of Tenebrae. . . . The church is open

for prayer and meditation on Good Friday, beginning at noon. . . . On Easter Day the worship will be at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to celebrate "The Resurrection and New Life."

New Marlborough Joins in Worship

On the Sunday following Easter, April 25, the people of New Marlborough are joining the Monterey congregation in our worship. Their minister, as well as our two ministers, will share in leading the service. There will be a coffee hour following the service. Let us turn what is sometimes called "Low Sunday" into a high occasion.

Hear the Bell?

After more than half a year of very sporadic bell ringing on Sunday mornings, have you noticed it is now coming through loud and clear again? Thanks to the special care and labors of Hadley Simons, the wooden bell wheel has been repaired. Let the bell ring out! It is your invitation to share in the life of worship and community.

Spring Clothing Drive

The spring clothing drive is now in process. The clothes are to help people in need throughout the world, and are being sent through Church World Service. Clothes may be brought to the church or the Monterey Store. The final day for receiving clothes is April 22.

Two Meetings

The Berkshire Association is meeting on Sunday, April 25, in First Church, Pittsfield. The Massachusetts Conference is meeting April 30 to May 2 in Springfield. Want to go? Call if you do.

SUNSET

Sunset takes a long time, in the woods. Last night it started about 6:00 p.m., as I was sitting looking south toward an oak tree, with a stand of young poplar to my right and a meadow of bracken to my left. A chipmunk was rustling and scampering around me, when I looked at the oak and saw the shadow of the poplars covering its feet and the grass around it.

The chipmunk continued to scamper. There was a sudden busyness of birds, working in a last flutter for the day. A nuthatch lit on a nearby branch and daintily inspected it for insects -- top, sides, bottom -- unperturbed by gravity. Meanwhile, up the oak tree like a tide rose the shadow.

About halfway up a stillness came on the woods. The wind dropped. Nothing moved. No sound of bird or chipmunk -- not even a car. What's that? A deer snorting far away? No, only the breath in my nostrils loud against the silence.

And then a little breeze came up, and a bird or two flew by, and the world went on, but in a quieter mood. The chipmunk started his evening song -- chunk, chunk, chunk. A hermit thrush paused briefly in my blind, and went on his way. The shadow was three-quarters of the way up the oak tree, all across the meadow. The top of the tree was brilliant in golden orange, above the duller gold in the shadow.

A BTH bird sailed silently between the trees, heading north. Hawk? Owl? I didn't know, but certainly predator. And then there was a chipmunk squawk from behind me, and I hoped it was alarm rather than pain that prompted the sound.

Now the shadow was halfway up the trees across the meadow.

Now the last sunlight leaked off the topmost branches of the oak and of the trees across the meadow. A greyness lay suddenly over everything. It was 7:15. Sunset was over.

Anita G. Heberland
Bay City, Michigan

(Anita Heberland is the daughter of our Circulation Manager, Gertrude Gould.)

THE DISCOVERY AND EXPLORATION OF INNER SPACE

Part II

Last month we paid attention to the "outcroppings" that appear from time to time in the human epic. These outcroppings are the unpredictable events and persons that emerge out of season, as it were. Yet most of these outcroppings point toward things that may become common human knowledge at a later time. We noted also that the awesome keeps appearing in the midst of the common place and the ordinary. The two are so intertwined that they may be separated from each other by no more than an "eye blink." We observed the basic rhythm of breathing. Looked at from one point of view I do my own breathing. Yet from a different perspective the breathing is something that has its own life in me, and it goes on quite apart from my "management" of it.

The proposition I wish to consider in this article is that this same principle appears in other parts of our inner space as well. Let us consider thinking. My first tendency is to claim total responsibility for my thinking. I boldly declare, "I am doing my own thinking." Yet the farther I go and the more I ponder the inner processes, the less sure I am of my early glibness about being in charge of my thinking. Time and again, have we not all been amazed at the vast range our minds may travel while we are busy with something else? I may be digging in the garden, yet my mind "on its own" may have traversed half the earth. Try as I may, I cannot really tell what took me on that journey. I wasn't intending it. It just seemed to happen.

William James, one of our nation's pioneering psychologists, observed the nature of some of his thinking. Of one thought he would say, "I think it." Yet he would say of another thought, "It thinks me." As we continue this journey into inner space you may be inclined to say, "Why make a production of thoughts I think or thoughts that think me? Why split hairs over the nature of a process?" Simply this, the more we learn about ourselves, the greater becomes the mystery surrounding our lives. As our observations and knowledge expand regarding the thinking process, the more immense and awesome becomes our inner space. The more we learn, the less we imagine we are managing our minds in the same way a driver controls a car.

We cannot think without a brain, yet no responsible scientist today is willing to claim that the mind is simply brain activity. Let us leave this area with the paradox we noted in the beginning: From one perspective all my thinking can be seen as something I do; from another perspective it is something happening within me, suggesting something deeper, broader, fuller, yes, more purposeful than my conscious life process.

Let us look at another aspect of inner space, specifically, our memories. In recent years we have tended to be amazed at the astounding capacities of computers to "remember" things put into their memory banks years earlier. We now have second generation scientists who are tapping memories in the computers they are working with, memories they never "knew" themselves. The thing that makes the computer so interesting, however, is that it is modelled after the human memory. Everything we have experienced is stored in our own memory banks. What we fail to realize most of the time is that all these memories are "computed" into every day, every action of our ongoing lives. Unseen, unremembered feelings are tipping the scales of our decisions and reactions, and yet we haven't the faintest notion of their existence.

Now, to complicate the picture further, students of our humanity are asking even more searching questions regarding our memory banks. Is my memory bank simply of things I personally have experienced, or are there deeper layers of memory stored there as well from father, mother, grandfather and even more remote predecessors? In short, are there any limits to memory? How distant are "event memories" that lay a hand on my emerging life? The evidence for these "racial memories" is growing stronger rather than weaker. Every time I imagine I will work out some simple, neat little plan for organizing my life, some complication like this far reach of memory starts laughing my puny schemes to scorn.

Whichever way we turn, we discover that that inner space is much more immense and awesome than we first imagined. We have merely begun to scratch the surface regarding the process of dreaming. What is it, we ask? Is it merely the pickles I ate setting up static in my brain -- or is it another level of consciousness trying to communicate with me? And what is all the current flurry over meditation about? Now that we are beginning to get some intimation of the various levels of consciousness available to human beings, we find our old definitions and understandings seeming primitive and naive.

Truly, as we begin to discover and explore inner space, we find we must begin to think of ourselves ecologically. Ecological thinking is an attempt to see the vast network of interconnection between all life systems. To take even a tiny look into our inner space is to stand on tiptoe. Some of us may be moved to exclaim with the Psalmist, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



Recently members of the committee on guest housing met with Terry Hallock, the architect, at his Pittsfield office. They went over in detail specifications for the proposed building and agreed that the contract can soon be let out for bids. If this step goes through as planned, it is hoped that the new house will be completed and ready for occupancy in the fall. It will be located diagonally across the road from the main building, somewhat to the north of it. This will not add rooms to the present available ones, but will make those on the third floor of the original house no longer needed as

guest bedrooms -- a much desired matter.

Four new young workers have come to the Farm. They are Elizabeth Higgins, Ken Gleason, J. D. Martin and Janet West. J. D. Martin and Janet West are in the Brethren Volunteer Service program and had a one-month training session in Chicago before coming here.

Elizabeth Higgins, from Hartford, Connecticut, is a student at Antioch College and has joined the staff for three months. She is the third Antioch student who has come this year for a work period.

Ken Gleason, of Newton, Massachusetts, graduated from Harvard University and has done graduate work in clinical psychology at Washington University in St. Louis. He will be with us for an indefinite period.

J. D. Martin, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, graduated from Elizabethtown College (a Church of the Brethren college). He will be with us for eleven months.

Janet West, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with two years of postgraduate work in the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. She will be here for about four months before going to teach in Ber Zeit College on the west bank of the Jordan.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have all these young people with us.

Rose McKee
Ruth Carr

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Conservation Night was observed at the March 17 meeting, under the direction of Ethel Warner and her committee. Peter Martin, a member of the State Conservation Committee, was present and put on an enjoyable program of quizzes and charades on conservation.

April 7 was to have been Home and Community Night but the meeting was cancelled due to the death of Floyd McKay, a past Master of the Grange.

Members of the Grange have entered the State Dress Contest and Needlework Contest. Donations have been made to the Heart Fund, State Grange Educational Aid Fund and the State Grange Heifer Project.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

NEW MARLBOROUGH-MONTEREY PTA

The PTA met on Wednesday, April 14, and enjoyed a presentation by Mr. William Valentine, of the Fish Hatchery, on local conservation programs.

The PTA will have a bake and plant sale at the spring Open House.

We are putting together another ski program at Catamount for next winter. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Cynthia Weber. Rates for group instruction are very moderate.

Cynthia Weber
President

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

In the absence of its chairman, the Monterey Council on Aging was represented by Margaret White and Margery Janes at the April 1 regional meeting in Stockbridge. Plans were made to hold a training session at the Great Barrington Senior Center on May 7, to help members of the various councils explain the services in their communities.

We take part in the various activities of the Great Barrington Council, the 50-cent luncheons in the Masonic Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, the use of the Senior Center, near the Mahaiwe Theatre, where hot coffee is available and there are often classes in painting and handicrafts. On Thursday morning about 9:30 a bus leaves for Great Barrington from our Post Office, returning around 2:00. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Harold Greene (528-2265). We can also share in the Home Care program.

Margery Janes



CUB SCOUTS AND WEBELOS

The Blue and Gold Banquet was held on March 26 in the Monterey Church social room. Mr. Thomas Jaworski, representing the Boy Scouts of America, presented the awards. Boys from Monterey receiving awards were as follows: Dennis O'Connor - Bear Badge, one gold and one silver arrow; David Gauthier - Bear Badge; Robert Candee - Craftsman and Athlete; Jon Andrus - Craftsman and Athlete; Douglas Champigny - Craftsman and Athlete.

Den 2 of New Marlborough opened the entertainment with a flag salute and the recitation of the Knight's Code. Boys of both dens were dressed in hand-fashioned knight costumes consisting of helmets, shields, breastplates and ball and chain. Both dens competed in tournament contests of spoon joust and teeter-board joust. The Webelos presented a short program on things that they had learned in crafts. The program ended with the singing of "America the Beautiful."

The Cub Scouts and Webelos have toured the old mill sites in Mill River with Mr. Stanton. This is part of a Bicentennial project for the Cubs.

The Webelos are working on their Artist Badge, doing designs, mobiles and some sculpture.

GIRL SCOUTS

The past few meetings the Brownies have finished up a winter project, igloos out of egg shells, made Easter cards, played games, told stories and had a program on Fire Safety. They colored and decorated the eggs for the town Easter Egg Hunt.

The Juniors have been busy making glass cases out of felt and decorating them with yarn. The girls that sold calendars will be going bowling in the near future.

The Cadettes are working on their First Aid and hope to take a C.P.R. at Fairview Hospital.

Girl Scout Cookies will be delivered the first week in May.

4-H NEWS

Community Club, Green Thumbs and Woolly, Feather, Fur Farmers

The three clubs met on April 2 in the church social room. The boys and girls made hanging baskets out of baling twine and planted seeds for their future gardens. It was voted to have a contest this summer on growing squash. There will be four categories: Summer Squash, Butternut, Zucchini and Acorn.

On March 26 the Monterey Green Thumbs' Horticulture Judging Team won first place in a county-wide vegetable judging contest in Pittsfield. Members of the team are Mark Makuc, Steven Brown, Kevin Bradley and Shawn Ryder. In the individual contest Mark Makuc won first prize over thirty other boys and girls. Future contests are planned and high-placed winners will be chosen to go to the state competition on August 24.

A Visual Presentation Contest was held on March 19 at South Egremont. The Community Club had one representative. Shawn received an "Excellent" for his presentation on photography. His title was "How to Develop Black and White Film." This is the second year Shawn has won this award.

The 4-H County Poultry Club will hold their next meeting in Monterey on April 20 in the town hall at 7:30 p.m. All interested adults and children are cordially invited to attend. Leaders for the club are Mr. Steve Pyenson of Otis and Mr. Doug McClelland of Richmond.

Monterey Roadrunners 4-H Horse Club

On April 11 the horse club went on a trail ride at Eastover in Lenox. After the trail ride they had an outdoor cookout there. On April 9 Kristine Heath and Jessica Konigsberg attended the Horse Bowl contest which was held at the 4-H office in Pittsfield.

Christine Papp

Monterey Panhandlers 4-H Cooking Club

This past month we have made Frozen Cranberry Pineapple Mold, Sunshine Salad and Creamed Vegetables. This is the last week of our club meetings. We have tried to make food items from salads, vegetables, main dishes and desserts during the year.

Kristine Heath

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

There will be no Easter breakfast this year.

The Youth Group went on a retreat to Camp Deerwood over the 26th and 27th of March. Nine boys and girls went. They held ping pong and tennis tournaments and also watched a movie and held a discussion afterward.

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Shipwrecked!

Our Circulation Manager, Gertrude Gould, and her sister, Helen Shaw, spent eleven days recently stranded on a coral reef off the coast of North Borneo. Their freighter, en route from Java to Japan, had run aground. After valiant efforts by the captain and expert teams of workers to extricate the ship from its predicament, it was decided to fly the passengers home. For all Gertrude and Helen know, the freighter is still on the coral reef.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Contributions gratefully received this month were from the following: Mr. William Bohn, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Bowles, Mrs. Maryellen Brown, Miss Mary Edmonds and Dr. Marianne Rud. Of these, the one from Mary Edmonds came all the way from England and was accompanied by, of all things, a poem, reproduced below.

Dear Madam Editor:

Accept my check. I am your debtor for
The many sheets of news from Monterey,
Which I applaud, for every fine event,
And, even more, for many sentiments
In sermons, and reports, along the way.
So, here enclosed, my contribution flies,
With my acknowledgment, and with my praise,
And all good wishes, Madam Editor.
I trust that we may meet some day, when you
Come once again to England; when our shores,
Just now beneath their crosses, hail your Stars,
Salute your Stripes. May they forever be
Frontiers of progress, never weals; but lest
You fear we mock you, we who have our wounds
Now are insured from any sorry jest.

And we are most sincerely, dearly yours,

Subscriber, friend, tender inquisitor.

The Editor racked her brains for an adequate response, but this is all that was forthcoming:

The Editor wants to reply in verse,
But every attempt gets worse and worse.
So here is all I can find to say:
Thank you, dear friend, so far away,
For sustaining us here in Monterey.

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